

LOOKS LIKE CONSPIRACY.

Sensational Testimony Given in the Goebel Case.

"Regular Mountain Fuedists"

Were the Men Golden Was to Bring When He Was Sent to Interior Counties to Get Men to Help Taylor.

Frankfort, Ky., March 24.—Secretary Powers was the only one of the defendants brought into court this morning. J. Wharton Golden, of Harboursville, was sworn as the first witness. He said he had known Secretary Powers for 17 or 18 years, also knew Mr. Cullen. He was also acquainted with Governor Taylor and Captain John Powers. Was a good friend of all the defendants. He was in Frankfort in January and February and saw Secretary and John Powers nearly every day. Went to Harlan county on the 15th, then went to Laurel county for two or three days, from there returned to Frankfort.

"When did you have conversation with Secretary Powers?"

"When Mr. Powers and I left here together."

"Colonel Powers told me to go to Harlan county and tell postmaster John Hirst to send down ten witnesses in a contest case."

"How were these witnesses to be selected and in what manner were they to come?"

"Regular mountain fuedists."

"Give exact conversation between you and Secretary Powers relative to getting witnesses in Harlan county."

"He told me to go to Harlan county and tell Mr. Hirst to send down ten men who were regular mountain fuedists."

"Did you understand what he meant by that and if so what was your understanding of that request?"

"Objected to, but overruled."

"I won't answer that," said Mr. Golden. After some parleying Golden said: "Well, men who would stand up, and if necessary go into that legislative hall and kill off enough to make it in our favor."

"I did not see Mr. Hirst; I saw Hamp Howard. I told him we wanted ten regular mountain fuedists for witnesses. We wanted men who had good Colts' forty-fives."

"Were the Colts' forty-fives to be put in evidence?" asked attorney Campbell.

"Most assuredly they were," answered Golden.

In reply to the question Golden said he did not know the witnesses who came to Frankfort. He delivered the message to Howard a few days before the shooting of Goebel on a Sunday preceding the shooting.

"When did you next see Caleb Powers?"

"I saw him on Tuesday. I got on the train at Perry's Station, Laurel county. He had a couple of men on the train, named Pease and Lockett. He told me to take care of them. Hamp Howard selected thirty men besides the ten. Caleb Powers, I think, selected the men from Knox county. There were about 70 or 80. Jim Sparks, county attorney in Laurel county, selected men from Laurel county."

"Caleb Powers said he wanted regular mountain fuedists to come to Frankfort."

Golden said Powers gave him \$160 to give to Judge Bingham in Bell county.

Witness identified a receipt for \$50 given by Bingham. Witness also said he gave Mr. Howard \$75.50 for ten tickets to Frankfort and return. In all about 1200 or 1500 men were brought to Frankfort. Continuing Golden said: "We sent most of them back that night. By 'we' I mean myself, Caleb Powers, Capt. Davis, Bill Cullen and Gov. Taylor. Finley,

"Yes, I did, I saw them in Caleb's office. I got a letter from Blakemas that morning asking me to come to Louisville. Caleb said he was going with me, but said he might want me to go to the mountains. He was talking to Walter Day and Gov. Taylor. R. J. Howard, of Harlan county, came up and talked to Taylor. He insisted on Taylor calling out the militia. Taylor said: 'My God, you people must do something first,' adding, 'I can get the militia quick enough. You fellows must act first.' By that I understood that we fellows must raise a riot in the senate chamber. Goebel was there. As I told you this morning, we would clean out enough of that legislature there to make it our way."

"What do you mean by that?"

"Oh, kill 'em."

NO PROSPECT For the Relief of Making Now in Sight.

Boer Camp, Kroonstadt, March 24.—Affairs are being put in proper shape and the Free Staters who had to leave are returning in crowds. The president's proclamation has shown the burghers that the government is standing firm. The commands are mobilizing in great numbers and the men are more determined than ever. President Steyn has issued a proclamation in which he warns the burghers who lay down their arms and help the English that they are liable to the utmost punishment as traitors.

London, March 24.—Lord Roberts' main army continues waiting at Bloemfontein. The sentimental interest in the fate of Mafeking has intensified with Colonel Plumer's forced retirement to Cradockville pools, where he was two months ago. Relief from the north now dwindles to improbability. Lord Michener is skirmishing with the Boers at Warrenton, 167 miles away. Although seemingly in force sufficient to do pretty much as he likes, he has not advanced these five days.

General French's cavalry and mounted infantry, according to a rumor, are fighting somewhere east of Bloemfontein. This suggests more Boer bad news, as Commandant Olivier's command, with 2,000 wagons, is reported on the Basutoland frontier, toiling northward through Kroonstadt, via Ladybrand. General French's cavalry posts stretch from Bloemfontein eastward to the mountains.

General Buller has not yet moved in Natal. The eighth division will go direct to Bloemfontein. Lord Roberts' force disposable at the front 10 days hence will be, it is estimated, 70,000 men, with the easy possibility of moving eastward, forcing the Boers to evacuate the Biggarsburg range, and joining hands with General Buller before continuing the promenade to Pretoria.

Plumer's Reverse.

London, March 24.—The war office has issued the following from the general at Cape Town to the secretary of war: "The following is from Colonel Plumer, dated Nicholson, Bulawayo, March 14: The Boers advanced from the south in considerable force. They first advanced from Goode's siding. After a sharp little engagement, Lieutenant Colonel Bodie's advanced post was compelled to retreat. The retirement was excellently carried out to our main position. The casualties included Lieutenant Chapman and a corporal, prisoners, and two missing. Five troopers were wounded. In the afternoon the Boers advanced further north and shelled our position from a ridge on our left. Our 12 1/2 pounder replied, the artillery duel continuing until sunset. Lieutenant A. J. Tyler has since died of wounds. One native was killed."

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A PLEA.

For an honest and unprejudiced consideration and discussion of the proposed water supply.

It seems to the writer that many an honest voter, with the best interests of our city at heart, may find himself befogged between the Board of Trade's enthusiastic endorsement of its committee report, on the one hand, and some adverse appeals on the other, from people whose statements would indicate that they had started out to find fault and were too blinded by their prejudices to take in account some of the most important and reasonable features of the proposed plan.

To begin with, let us take a look at the present conditions; have we an assured and satisfactory supply of water as matters now stand?

We all know that the Water Works management have had to restrict the use of water during the summer and fall months, to the extent of failing to flush our sewers during long periods, at times when they should have been most frequently cleansed. But that defect can surely be remedied for a small fraction of the money we are asked to put into a storage reservoir, by sinking more wells in the immediate vicinity of our power plant, and putting in additional pumping machinery.

It is urged by the opponents of hard sulphur water that such a source of supply would be the more expensive one in the long run; that the pumps would have to be kept running continuously, expensive machinery frequently replaced, boilers and flues so rapidly encrusted with lime salts as to not only require frequent renewals, but largely increase our fuel consumption on account of the non-conductivity of such scale, and go so far as to claim that the circulation of water carrying sulphuretted hydrogen will rapidly disintegrate our whole system of iron distributing pipes, pointing to the well known condition of that portion of our water problem were acquainted by other than the highest and most disinterested motives. Their predictions may not all come true, but if somebody can suggest a more promising plan, it is not too late to abandon or modify theirs. Their estimates may be too high. Let us hope that they may. That is a matter for the engineers and the city officials we are about to elect to determine.

This is surely a matter in which we should use our sober reason and business judgment and it is safe to assume that most of us want to hear from people who will appeal to our reason, instead of our fears and prejudices, before we cast our votes for or against the bond issue.

Yours truly,
A MEMBER OF LIMA BOARD OF TRADE.

OIL NEWS.

A new well is being started on the Helzel farm southwest of town.

The Ohio Oil Co. have taken a lease on the Charles Mayer in Shawnee township, and will drill a well at once.

The Sellers, Lowery & Jones Oil Co. are in the sand on the Mumough. She shows nicely.

Mack Watts left yesterday for Warren, Ind., where he has a new well on the Priddy farm. He had just returned from Tiffin and said the well flowed thirteen feet after the new machinery had been placed and pumping started.

A Harrod is back from Mercer county, where he went to see the Ohio's well on the George Hill farm shot. It is located about five miles west of Rockford. The shot was exploded Thursday afternoon and was about 200 quarts strong. Mr. Harrod wasn't very enthusiastic over the outlook. He said he couldn't tell very much about it, but that it started off with a strong salt water showing.

IMPORTANT MEETING.

The Democratic city central committee will meet at the office of Richie & Richie on Tuesday, March 27th, 1900, at 7:30 p. m. Democratic candidates on city ticket are requested to be present.

J. D. ARMSTRONG, Secretary.

Notice I. O. O. F.

All members of Shawnee degree staff, are earnestly requested to meet in their hall this evening at half past seven. By order of Captain, Mrs. CALLIE ROSE.

works. We all know that we already have an investment of \$337,000, which we are not getting enough net earnings from to pay the interest on, and we do well to pause and reflect and investigate before voting for the expenditure of \$150,000 more. Why is it that cities all around us, located on lakes and rivers are able to maintain water works that are self-sustaining? We have just read of Cincinnati having to cut down her water rates to prevent her \$150,000 surplus from becoming still larger. Doesn't the secret seem to lie in the fact that such profitable water plants furnish soft water that all sorts of consumers are willing and anxious to buy, whereas we are in a fair way to lose some of the consumers we have heretofore had, who find that since they must needs use hard water in their boilers, they can save money by drilling their own wells. It is argued by some of our conservative friends that the railroads already have their water supply provided for and would not spend \$12,000 per year for soft water as estimated by the Board of Trade committee, nor any other large amount. Let us hear from some of our locomotive engineers and employees in our round houses. They can give us some light as to whether or not the railroads could save money by such an expenditure. If a saving could be effected thereby, we need not trouble ourselves about whether or not they would patronize us. It must be apparent to every thinking voter that either our water supply or our management or both must be badly in need of some remediable treatment, viewing the subject simply from a financial point of view.

Come then, let us reason one with another, and not jump blindly into the ranks of either the optimists or pessimists. Above all let us not harbor a suspicion that the men constituting the board of trade committee, who gave so freely their time, money and brain work in trying to furnish a solution for our water problem were actuated by other than the highest and most disinterested motives. Their predictions may not all come true, but if somebody can suggest a more promising plan, it is not too late to abandon or modify theirs. Their estimates may be too high. Let us hope that they may. That is a matter for the engineers and the city officials we are about to elect to determine.

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IN SOCIETY.

Functions of the Week That Have Been Enjoyed.

The Dolphin Club Royally Entertained Thursday Evening by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Edwards.

Last Saturday evening Mrs. A. L. Heath, Mrs. W. E. Stout and Mrs. T. Bussert entertained the L. A. to O. R. C., their husbands and a few friends at the home of Mrs. T. Bussert on south West street. Progressive pedro was the feature of the evening, the high prizes falling to Mr. G. Harper and Mrs. E. Cunningham while the consolation prize fell to Mrs. W. Reed. An appetizing luncheon concluded the evening.

The Dolphin club was royally entertained on Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Edwards at their pleasant home on Harrison avenue. In the pedro contest, Mrs. J. W. Gensel and Edwin Blank, were the fortunate winners of the first prize, while the consolation prize fell to J. W. Gensel and Mrs. D. L. Beelman. A delicious luncheon concluded the pleasures of the evening. The guest of the club was Mr. Guy Custer.

Mrs. G. C. Livingston, of Bellefontaine avenue, and a number of friends executed a surprise party upon her husband, on Thursday evening in honor of his twenty-fourth birthday anniversary. The evening was happily spent in card contests and other amusements, followed by a delightful luncheon. The event was a most pleasant one for all present.

The Dolphin club will meet next Thursday evening, with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gensel, of east Elm street.

The Chautauquans were royally entertained on Tuesday, by Mr. and Mrs. John Phillips, it being their twelfth wedding anniversary. A six o'clock dinner was served in five courses. The table was beautifully decorated with pink carnations and smilax. After toasts were given, the Chautauquans presented Mrs. Phillips with a picture. This club has been organized for four years, and out of their many social events this was one greatly enjoyed.

Wednesday afternoon the N. M. W. euchre club enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. G. M. Millivins, of east Elm street. The progressive euchre round gave Mrs. A. W. Nims the highest score, while Mrs. W. A. Patton was consoled.

HOUSE WIVES

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Mr. Carl Doegel is the proprietor of the works and is widely known not only in this city, but all over the state for doing this kind of work to perfection and with satisfaction always guaranteed. It will be not only interesting but of great benefit for every one to visit his establishment and see the marvelous improvements he has added in the way of carpet cleaning machinery. You will be impressed with the facilities and the method of doing work in this line. House wives will also be pleased in knowing that the management of this establishment is in the hands of ladies, who are always ready to show visitors the works, and explain the methods used.

John G. Ware, of Findlay, is in the city.

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From Today's Roundup

And Concentrated for the Evening's Review.

Brief Notes of Limas Abroad, Visitors Who Are Here, and of the Day's Happenings.

Miss Wava Chase, of Columbus Grove, is visiting Miss Agnes O'Connor, of north Elizabeth street.

Miss Rita Collins, of 226 north Elizabeth street, is on the sick list.

Misses Margaret and Katherine Mooney, of St. Marys, have been the guest of friends here during the past week.

Miss Mayme Burns, who has been the guest during the past week of her sister, Mrs. Simon Fitzgibbons, of north Union street, will return to her home in Glynwood this evening.

Mrs. M. S. Dabell, of west Market street, is visiting friends in Ft. Wayne and Huntington, Ind.

Frank Link, of Newark, has been called here by the critical illness of his brother, Henry Link, of west McKibben street.

Mrs. Dr. D. H. Sullivan, of West North street, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. A. H. Geisinger, at Danville, Pa.

Mrs. Martin Welsh, of Hume, is visiting friends on north Elizabeth street.

Joseph Potter, of east Spring street, left this morning for Albion, Mich., to attend the funeral of his father.

W. E. Heath, of Harrod, was in the city today.

Very Rev. J. H. Guendling, administrator of the Ft. Wayne diocese, Rev. Wm. Russ, C. P. I. S., of Wapakoneta, and Rev. J. D. Verneeman, of Marysville, were visitors at the pastoral residence of St. Rose church during the past few days.

Mrs. Cleary of this city, spent this week with her mother, Mrs. Kuest at Kettleville, Ohio.

Mrs. C. R. Seeds, of east North street, spent this week, with friends and relatives in Jackson Center.

Miss Rosa Hoak, of Jackson Center, has accepted a position with her sister, Mrs. Anna Duckworth, in the millinery business in this city.

R. C. Pifer, of Bellefontaine, is visiting friends in the city.

Mrs. Harry Cross left for Canton, Ohio to visit her brother, C. J. Cross.

W. S. Wilson, of Wayne and Pine streets, who has been confined to his bed for the past seven weeks suffering from an attack of rheumatism, was able to be out yesterday for the first time since the beginning of his illness.

Thomas O'Brien and family, of west McKibben street, and Miss Mary McCormick were in Glynwood yesterday, attending the funeral of Mrs. McCormick, mother of Mrs. O'Brien and Misses McCormick.

Mrs. Fred Oen, who was the guest of friends here this week, returned to her home at Hume, yesterday.

Will Snook and his interesting family, of Frankfort, Ind., are the guests of his mother, Mrs. Catherine Snook, of east Wayne street.

Mrs. Myrtle Hunt, of the Niagara laundry, is on the sick list.

Miss Letta Reed, of north Union street, is visiting friends in Springfield.

W. V. Hutchins, formerly connected with the Lima Natural Gas Co., but now located in Waynesburg, Pa., was in Lima today returning home from Corsicana, Texas.

Mrs. O. B. Stridger and two sons are visiting Mrs. Edwards Noble, at Wyoming.

Mrs. C. F. Lufkin left for Indianapolis this morning to visit her mother.

A cablegram received from C. F. Lufkin this morning stated that he would sail this evening for America, after a few months stay in European countries.

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For Water Works Trustees,
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J. D. S. NEELY.
For Street Commissioner,
LUKE O'BRIEN.
For Constable,
THOMAS DALEY.

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Third Ward—C. J. BROTHELTON.
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Fifth Ward—T. BAUMGARDNER.
Seventh Ward—MICHAEL O'NEIL.

ASSESSORS.

First Ward—WM. GALLAGHER.
Second Ward—T. SHAUGHNESSY.
Third Ward—J. C. MOYER.
Fourth Ward—W. C. GIBERSON.
Fifth Ward—F. BRENNEMAN.
Seventh Ward—W. L. MECHLING.

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Seventh Ward—G. M. SPRAGUE.

GRAVEL

Trains Will be Put On.

Improvement of L. E. & W., to
Commence April First.

News of General and Local Interest Gath-
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Lines.

The improvement of the general
physical condition of the L. E. & W.
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when several trains will be put on the
road to distribute gravel along the
main line working westward from
Sandusky and eastward from La-
fayette, Ind. The work will continue
during the entire summer and early
fall and when completed the road will
be in condition for the running of
faster trains.

L. E. & W. NOTES.

Engineer John Cunningham is run-
ning engine 115 in engineer Dean's
place.

Passenger engineer Nutting has re-
ported, after a brief absence. En-
gineer John Fellows has been in
charge of the 9 spot.

Engineer C. M. Schriver is on the
9 spot and engineer Ed. Brown is
running his engine, the 103.

Engineer Beatty McWhir is on the
spot 115.

Engineer F. M. Cavins has returned
from Sandusky where he was running
a switch engine in John Maxwell's
place.

A new time card will go into effect
tomorrow. There will be no change
however, in the running of passengers.

Train dispatcher, Walter E. Brown,
has commenced the construction of a
handsome new residence in Maplewood
Place.

Fireman J. M. Bacon, who has been
on the sick list for some time, is able
to be about again, but has not yet re-
ported for duty.

Engineer M. J. Hart has returned
from Hankin, Ill., where he was run-
ning a switch engine. Engineer Dug-
gan succeeded him at Hankin.

Fireman Crumrine now has a regu-
lar engine, the 114.

Passenger engineer Sam Carter is off
duty on account of illness and en-
gineer

brief illness.

Passenger conductor Hennessy is
laying off and conductor A. L. Heath
is on his run.

Conductor Howard French is laying
off and conductor Hastings is on his
car.

Train Dispatcher W. H. Roberts
and Mrs. Roberts are in Lafayette,
Ind., being called there on account of
the serious illness of Mrs. Roberts'
mother. Operator Eisenhart is work-
ing Mr. Roberts' trick.

Brakeman "Doc" Kinder is laying
off and Bert Hesser is working in his
place.

Fireman Burk, of the "nigger"
local is ill and fireman Tingle is on
his engine.

Engineer Charles Greenland has re-
ported after several days absence.

Engineer Stofer is laying off and
engineer Harry Bell is running his en-
gine on the Dutch run.

Engineer L. J. Schwartz is running
one of the night switch engines.

Fireman Donaldson has returned to
work after a brief vacation.

Fireman Riley is on switch engine
No. 51 in the yards at Findlay.

NOTES.

A new railroad line is being sur-
veyed from Urbana to Bradford with
the view of getting a freight line for
the Pan Handle that will avoid the
heavy grade on the main line.

Pittsburg fireman R. M. Neely went
to Lima this morning, says the Fort
Wayne Sentinel, to see his mother-in-
law, who is quite sick at that place.

SERVICES

At St. Rose Church Tomorrow—
High Mass at Ten O'clock.

Masses at St. Rose church tomorrow
will be at 6, 8, 8, 9 and 10 o'clock. The
10 o'clock mass will be high mass, at
which time the forty hours devotion
and mission for men will open. The
sermon at this mass will be preached
by Rev. J. J. Colby. At three o'clock
tomorrow afternoon will be the hour
of the closing of the mission for
women, followed by the giving of the
Papal Benediction. Sunday evening
at 7-30 sermon and benediction. The
subject, which will be treated by Rev.
A. G. Vander Liden at this service,
will be "Man's Great Destiny."

Masses during the coming week
will be at 5, 6, 8 and 9 a. m. Instruc-
tions will be given after the 5 and 9
o'clock masses every morning. Special
services will be held for the children
on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
at 7:30 a. m. and 3 p. m. The mission
during the past week which was de-
voted to the spiritual wants of the
women was very generously attended.
The fathers in charge of the mission
urge the men during the coming week
to follow the good example of the
women and attend as many of these
services as possible, especially the
evening services, when there will be
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special benefit. Any of the women
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attend the mission during the past
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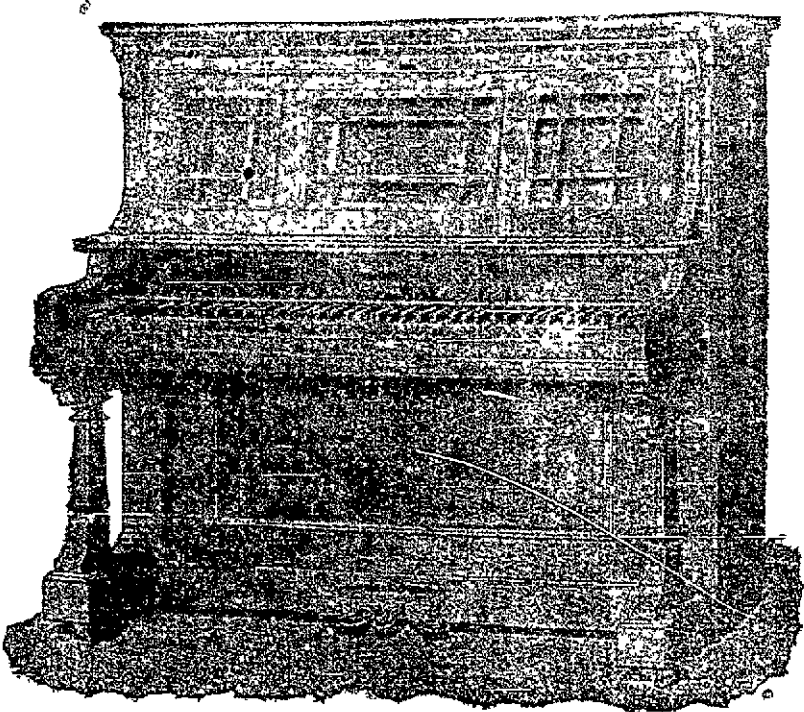
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pect the time ever to come when it will be nec-
essary to part with your Piano, as it is one of the
household gods; but it is a good thing to know
that you have a Piano that has a substantial
marketable value; a value that can properly be
reckoned at a large percentage of original cost.

And not only at the end of the first year! The
WEBER does good work and keeps it up year
after year. This is so because it is a standard
Piano. The standard having a reputation to sus-
tain. Every big and little part of a WEBER
PIANO is as nearly faultless as human skill can
make it.

MISS A. L. COX,

AGENT, LIMA, OHIO.



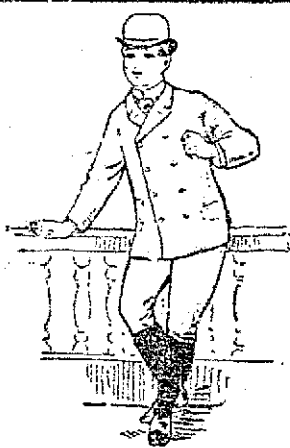
A CONCERN WITH A REPUTATION!

ESTABLISHED IN 1875.

Honest business methods, fair dealing with everybody, courteous treatment to all its customers, has put this great concern where it is to-day. Backed up by twenty years and more of honorable and square business dealings with the masses, the Michael Clothing & Shoe Co. stands to-day as the foremost clothing and shoe house in Allen County. Always buying to the interest of their customers, and giving the very best values money can buy. This has won the confidence of the people. There's an old saying! "Running water is never stale," their stock is like a river, always moving. They never accumulate old shuff-worn goods, but you will find their spring stock containing the newest, and latest in Clothing, Furnishings and Footwear THAT READY CASH COULD BUY. Their SPRING SUITS for MEN are the most fashionable made, designed and manufactured by those world renowned tailors of Men's Ready-to-Wear Clothes.

THE STEIN, BLOCH & Co. of Rochester, N. Y.

"GUYER
HATS"
FOR MEN.



CHILDREN'S SUIT DEPARTMENT!

For rightly made garments for little Boys this is the place for you to come. Our spring line of Juvenile Suits is the very latest, direct from our Eastern factories. Our prices are right. We are showing some splendid values for \$2 up to \$6. Remember us for your boys' spring outfit this season. We are sure to please you. Our variety is so large that everyone interested in Boys' Good Suits can be suited here.

"GUYER
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FOR MEN.

It's a daily occurrence at our store to hear mother and child exclaim! "Why didn't we come here first."

WANTED.

Wanted—A silver spoon or silver watch. The finder will receive a reward by returning same to Dr. E. S. Weber's office. If not made at the Lima Drug Co. Will furnish territory and will be shown or sell territory exclusive for your own use.

Wanted—A girl for general housework. W. work. Enquire of Mrs. J. B. Vail, 32 West Market street.

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STORIES

Of the Flying Fourth.

Told by a Lima Boy Who Was in the Long Race.

From San Fernando to Bang Bong Upon the Heels of the Dark Fugitive.

James Ridenour, of the southside has received a letter from his son, private H. G. Ridenour, troop 1, Fourth U. S. Cavalry, who, together with a number of other Lima boys, has been experiencing hard service in the Philippines since the first of last July.

The following extracts from the letter will be of interest to the young trooper's many friends:

"I have just returned to Pasay barracks from a four months' campaign. I am O. K. and feeling good now, but a couple of weeks ago I was quite sick. In fact nearly every man in the troop was sick, but I guess we will get a good rest now. I suppose you thought I was dead when you did not hear from me for so long, but out in the field I had no paper and no chance to do any writing. Our colonel is now in the states and the regiment is in command of Lieut. Col. Hayes. The latter is a splendid man and a veteran Indian fighter who is not afraid of bullets. We were attacked at a small town called Lalavera one morning and Col. Hayes said: "Lay down men and let them shoot their ammunition away, they can't scare us."

We have the niggers pretty well cleaned out in the north end of the island I guess. Our cavalry regiment has the best reputation of any regiment on the island now. We were in the advance from San Fernando to Bang Bong, a distance of over 140 miles. We took over 80 towns, had 39 fights and only lost three men. We lost about 150 horses, however. The mountain trails were so rough and rocky that the horses soon became barefooted and then so lame that we had to shoot them. * * * There are to be horse races about half a mile from here today and I would like to

go, but haven't any money, for we haven't been paid for four months. Will write more in a few days.

H. G. R., Troop 1, 4th U. S. Cav.

Notice to Stockholders. The stockholders of the L. G. M. & T. Co. will meet in Dr. Foltz's office, April 3, 1900, at 8 p. m. for the election of directors and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

Dr. F. H. Foltz, 8-seat 24 and sat 31. Secretary.

A FATAL

Misspelt Brought Death to James Newall in Terrible Form.

Former Resident of Lima: Fell Into a Hot Water Vat at Philadelphia and Was Fatally Scalded.

James Newall, a former resident of Lima, and an old employee of the Solar refinery, met death in a frightful manner last Wednesday at Philadelphia. He lost his balance and fell into a vat of hot water, dying later from the effects of his burns. Mr. Newall lived for several years on second street and during his residence here made a host of friends who will be deeply grieved to learn of his sad fate. The deceased who was about thirty-five years of age leaves a wife and several children.

"A Single Fact

is worth a shipload of argument." What shall be said, then, of thousands of facts? Every cure by Hood's Sarsaparilla is a fact, presenting the strongest possible evidence of the merit of this medicine. Thousands and thousands of such facts prove that Hood's Sarsaparilla will cure all diseases caused or promoted by impure blood. It is the best medicine money can buy.

Indigestion, nausea are cured by Hood's Pills.

Ladies, clean your kid gloves with LaBelle glove cleaner; for sale only by Mrs. F. Light, headquarters for kid gloves and sole agent for the famous Voltaire and Melrose gloves in all the leading shades. Gloves fitted and warranted.

RIGID

Measures are Adopted

To Prevent the Spread of Small Pox Throughout the County.

A Number of New Cases at Cridersville and Hume Follow After a Large Public Funeral.

Health Officer Laudick has his hands full just now in fighting the numerous cases of small pox that have broken out in several places alarmingly near the city. The worst condition perhaps exists at Cridersville and that immediate neighborhood where a number of cases exists and several new ones have just been reported. The disease has entered the family of George Rhodes, Benjamin Bousher and Mr. Roser, what was first thought to be chicken pox having developed into the more loathsome disease of small pox.

Fears of its spreading to even a greater extent have been aroused, as one of the patients now under treatment contracted the disease shortly after a public funeral which was largely attended by the people of the community. Dr. Laudick has seen to a rigid quarantine of all cases which have been brought to his notice, and it is possible that extraordinary measures will be adopted to prevent it from gaining a foothold in the city.

Dr. Laudick made a trip to McGuffey yesterday where he found five fully developed cases. The presumption in that the disease was carried there in a letter from Plain City, where the small pox has been raging for some time.

It was reported that there was a case at Beaver Dam, but inquiry was made at Dr. Laudick's office and he states that he has not been apprised of any such developments so far. There is a case or two in the country near by, but no exposures have resulted from it so far.

"Better late than never." It is best, however, to be never late about taking Hood's Sarsaparilla to purify your blood. Take it now.

GREAT SALE OF SHOES!

Most of our Spring Shoes are here, but to make room for what is yet to come, we shall sell Friday and Saturday only, the following Shoes at prices named. In addition we will give on Friday and Saturday, 10 cents off on every pair of \$1.00 Shoes, 15 cents on \$1.50 Shoes, 20 cents on \$2.00 Shoes, 25 cents on \$2.50 Shoes, &c., &c. if you will cut out and present the coupon attached in this advertisement at our store.

Here are the Reductions:

Women's Warm Felt Lined Shoes, worth \$1.50, at.....	\$ 1.00
Women's Black and Tan Oxford Ties, worth \$1.00, at.....	65c
Women's Black and Tan Dress Shoes, worth \$1.50 to \$2.50, at.....	1.00
Women's Black Dongola Button Shoes, worth \$3.00 to \$4.00, at.....	1.50
Men's Oil Grain We-king Shoes, worth \$1.25, at.....	95c
Men's Sack Calf Dress Shoes, worth \$1.50, at.....	1.00
Men's Satin Calf "Solid" Shoes, worth \$2.00, at.....	1.50
Men's Heavy Russia Tan and Box Calf Shoes, worth \$3.00, at.....	2.00
Boys' School Shoes, worth \$1.25, at.....	90c
Boys' Heavy Tan Shoes, worth \$2.50, at.....	1.50
Girls' Dongola Lace Shoes, worth \$1.25, at.....	85c
Children's Shoes, worth 75c, at.....	50c
Infants' Shoes, worth 65c, at.....	45c

These prices are for Friday and Saturday of this week only.

COUPON—TIMES-DEMOCRAT.

If presented at the The Union on Friday or Saturday of this week, this coupon will entitle the buyer to a cash rebate of 10 per cent on every pair of Shoes, regardless of low price advertised. BRING THIS COUPON.



PURE ICE

Manufactured in Lima and from pure well water, distilled, condensed and filtered. Can be delivered to you during the coming summer for the same money that you can buy ice for cut from ponds or elsewhere. Will last almost twice as long. Our books are now open. Send in your orders early to

Manufactured Ice Co.

886 S. Main St.

New Phone 219.

SPRING TIME

Is right here now when that tired feeling robs you of your appetite and you want something dainty and delicious, such as you will find in our choice stock of canned delicacies in French Mushrooms and Peas. Our white and delicate Lobster Crabs and Salmon make delicious Salads for Lenten dishes. Our prices are low for high-class goods.

JAMES S. SMITH,

BOTH PHONES 127.

GROCER.



Headache Stops

When you take HOFFMAN'S HEADACHE POWDER, at all drug stores, 10 cts. and 25 cts.

HOFFMAN'S HEADACHE POWDERS

Cure in half an hour—no matter what the cause. As safe as they are sure. At all drug stores. 50 and 25 cts.

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The methods employed by a Department Store result in giving lower prices and more up-to-date goods than other stores, owing to the rigid system employed in the watching of details, as well as to the quantity of goods purchased.

The Busy Store's Millinery Reception.

We will make this a bigger, greater and better store through making low prices—carrying good assortments, cheerfully refunding money or exchanging goods if purchases are not satisfactory—having polite and careful salespeople, good delivery system—and being ever mindful of our patrons' interests.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28th AND THURSDAY, MARCH 29th.



In our show-room will be presented the most comprehensive and satisfying showing of superb Hat creations and Bonnetry that the spring of 1900 has produced, at home or abroad, and while every prominent Parisian Milliner is represented in the display, we feel like apologizing to our own galaxy of "beauty hats" for bringing the French models among them.

We follow tradition, however, and you'll have an opportunity to compare hats by Camille Roger, Heitz-Boyer, Guillard Sisters, Virot-Berthe and Marescot, with the handiwork of our artists who while lacking nothing of the knowledge from which came the distinctively French productions, have learned to temper Parisian sauciness and audacity with refinement and aristocratic elegance.

The fashion feast is ready. We invite all to come and freely partake. There will be seen hats, bonnets and toques to suit every fancy of matron, maid or maiden, and while their rare exquisiteness may excite surprise and admiration, the plainly marked price tickets will tell a very unusual story of price littleness and moderation.

This will be a memorable occasion. The choicest ideas of foreign and domestic makers will be shown you in the greatest variety and number ever brought together, including Miss Hobb's Turban, the Generale, the Grand Prix, the Ostend, the Fontainebleau and many others to numerous to mention. Hats from Paris, London and Berlin, made by the creators whose reputations are world wide—models created by the best New York trimmers—and of our own skilled trimmers, pronounced by connoisseurs to be in points of richness, style and beauty, the equal of the imported.



A Rosebud Garden of Silk Waists.

Silk Waists in dainty color play in exquisite combinations of a mass of tucks, cords and the new flare sleeve, fashioned with a jealous eye for the latest newness, whether it is one of fashion's whimsies or the plainer sorts that are more practical in their conception.

New Silk Waists in almost endless variety greet you in charming array, for the Silk Waist business with us has reached enormous proportions. The greater the stock the easier to please tastes that are hard to suit. And naturally quantity is an important factor in bringing low prices.

Five heavy Taffeta in black, marine, heliotrope, mauve, coral, violet, automobile, cerise, beige, light gray, tan, lavender, coral pink, queen rose and white. Prices ranging from \$3.98 to \$12.50.

One entire shipment of our famous \$3.98 Taffeta Silk Waists is entirely sold out, and many people waiting for our next, which is on the way.

Special

On Monday We Will Offer.

1 lot of soiled Cambric Corset Covers, nicely trimmed with embroidery, regular price 30 cents, for 10 cents.

1 lot of soiled Cambric Corset Covers, nicely trimmed with embroidery, regular price 35 cents, for 15 cents.

Wrappers.

Think it worth your while to spend time and worry buying and making a Wrapper like we sell. And you couldn't duplicate it at our price. Such as these of Percale, in pretty designs, full lined, tight fitting plaited back, full belted front collar, sleeve and front trimmed with braid.



A nice line of Wrappers in navy blue, full lined waist, yoke, collar, sleeve and front trimmed with braid, at 75 cents.

Plain Wrapper in blue, yoke lined, at 50 cents. Wrappers, all colors, all sizes, full lined waist, square yoke, ruffle and braid trimmed, at 89 cents.

Wrappers in dark effects, full lined waist, pointed yoke, back and front ruffle trimmed, high collar, skirt finished with a deep flounce, at \$1.

Wrappers in black, blue, gray, pretty stripes, full lined waist, square yoke, ruffle and braid trimmed, skirt finished with flounce, at \$1.25.

Extra good Percale Wrapper, full lined waist, skirt finished with flounce, double rows of braid, at \$1.48.



Petticoats.

Taffeta Petticoats in all the fancy colors for \$5. Shadow Silk Petticoats in automobile, green, black, scarlet, royal blue, red and blunette, made with a deep corded flounce with two small ruffles, price \$1.98.

French Sateen made with a flounce and little ruffle for \$1.

Mercerized Sateen in all the latest shades, made with an accordion pleated flounce, for \$2.25.

Mercerized Sateen in fancy colors and figures, made with a double flounce, for \$2.48.

Special.

In order to make a clean sweep of our last season's spring Jackets, we will throw the entire stock on table in cloak room, on Monday at 2:00 p. m., at \$1.00 each.

There are nearly 100 of these garments that cost from \$4.00 to \$15.00 each, but we need the room, and you may need a jacket when you see them. They are made of fine broad cloth, diagonals and chevrons.

Spring Capes.

Ladies' Black Spring Capes, beautifully trimmed with lace, jet and ribbon, for \$3.48, \$6.48 and \$6.98.

Flash Capes, short lengths, just the thing for spring wear, for \$2.48.

Separate Skirts.

Do you know the average dressmaker does not want the task of making the fashionable plain skirts—she can't. The tailor who designs and cuts even the cheaper skirts we show get salaries of several thousand dollars a year—it's an art.

Yet, such is the economy of organized labor and the sub-divisions of labor, that you may buy these stylishly made skirts for little more than the fabrics would cost you at retail. For instance:

Black Cheviot Skirts, handsomely appliqued, well cut and finished, with box pleat back, for \$5 and \$6.98.

Black Crepon Skirt, an ideal skirt for spring wear, made in the latest style, for \$5.00.

A nice line of cheaper skirts in plaids, figured mohairs, serge, elegantly lined and bound, for \$1.98.

Phenomenal Sale of Spring Costumes and Tailor Made Suits.

We dislike to use the word "phenomenal" because reckless advertisers have so enfeebled its meaning, but this is a phenomenal sale in the truest sense of the word.

Man tailored suits, harmonious creations of art and elegance, reproduced from the most exquisitely designed models brought out this season. Swellman.

tailored Eton suits, nicely lined. Materials of hour upon, velvet, cheviot and many more of the modish woollens marked for popular approval. Jackets strictly tailor made in the very latest double breasted Eton effects. Skirts with full sweep and latest box pleat in back. Skirt and Jacket handsomely appliqued in front and back, and made up by the most reliable eastern tailors. They are correct copies of high grade models.

Ladies' Suit of Cheviot Cloth in Oxford gray, double breasted front, jacket and skirt nicely lined throughout, price \$6.98.

Camel's hair suits in gray, brown and blue, Eton Jacket, nicely made and finished, price \$8.50.

Camel's hair, in brown, double breasted Eton Jacket, 6 buttons, box pleat skirt, price \$10.98.

Cheviot Suits, Eton Jacket, full lined, elegantly trimmed with braid, price \$12.50.

Black Cheviot Suit, made with the new box pleated back and flaring bottom, handsomely appliqued, two rows in front and one on each side, price \$12.50.

Black Venetian Suit, double breasted front, box skirt, lined throughout, price \$12.50.

Broadcloth Suit, handsomely appliqued, and lined throughout, price \$15.98.

English Cheviot Suit, Eton Jacket, latest skirt, price \$26.98.

SPRING SUITS.



THE METELLUS THOMSON DRY GOODS CO.

DEMANDS

A Slice of the Property

Which She Claims Her Husband is Selling With an Object.

Mrs. Van Buskirk Petitions the Court for Alimony, Claiming Her Husband Intends to Desert Her.

Mrs. Margaret Van Buskirk is the plaintiff named in a petition for alimony and injunction against Andrew Van Buskirk, filed in common pleas court this morning by Motter & McKenzie. She recites in detail the strained relations between herself and husband which have led them into the courts after twenty-one years of married life.

Mrs. Buskirk who gives her age as 57 and that of her husband as 75, says, by way of introduction that they were married in Tuscarawas county on the 17th of October, 1879, and have no children. As a cause for the action she brings it is alleged that her husband is now selling and converting all of his property into money with the expressed intention of leaving her upon her own resources, and without making any provision for her support.

The plaintiff asks that she be allowed reasonable alimony and that her husband be enjoined from disposing of his property until the final hearing of the case.

THE WIFE'S SIDE.

Delia Whitely, who is named as the defendant in a divorce suit begun a

few days ago by her husband, Albert Whitely, has engaged Kidenour & Halfhill as her counsel and they have filed an answer which excuses Mrs. Whitely for having deserted him. She claims that he failed to support herself and children, that he was brutal and profane and especially charges that he struck his aged mother and knocked her down.

FOUND GUILTY.

Mrs. Maggie McGuire, who was on trial in common pleas court yesterday for living in adultery with Wm. Taylor, was found guilty as charged in the grand jury's indictment. The case occupied the entire day, going to the jury about six o'clock. At 10:30 the verdict was returned and Mrs. McGuire now awaits the sentence of the court for her violation of the laws of decency. Taylor was tried, found guilty and after serving seven weeks jail was released with a fine of \$20 and costs attached.

A girl who formerly lived with Mrs. McGuire, was the most important witness against her and the actions described were sufficient to leave no doubt of guilt in the minds of the jurymen. An action for divorce brought by Mr. McGuire is pending in the probate court.

IMPORTANT MEETING.

The Democratic city central committee will meet at the office of Richie & Richie on Tuesday, March 27th, 1900, at 7:30 p. m. Democratic candidates on city ticket are requested to be present.

J. D. ARMSTRONG, Secretary.

Crosson & Co. has what you want in lawn seed.

HARRY DAVIS

Formerly Local Manager for the Western Union Co.

Dies at His Late Home in Chicago from Consumption—Remains to Arrive Here Tonight.

Harry W. Davis, whose death has been hourly expected for the past several days, passed away at an early hour this morning at his late home, 3906 Calumet avenue, Chicago, surrounded by his devoted wife and two sons, his mother, Mrs. R. C. Davis, of this city; his brother, John Davis, of Columbus Grove, and his sister, Mrs. E. W. Roehm, of Mansfield, Ohio.

The deceased has been in Denver, Colorado, since last August, trying to regain his health, but the ravages of consumption of which he was a victim could not be checked. He was brought to his home in Chicago last Sunday evening, and gradually sank into the eternal sleep.

The deceased was born in Piqua, December 10th, 1858, and was a resident of Lima for fifteen years and was, during most of the time here, the efficient manager of the Western Union Telegraph Co.'s business in this city and was popular in society circles.

On March 22nd, 1886, he was united in marriage with Miss Ida Crouse, of this city. To mourn his death are his devoted wife and two sons, Walter, aged 12 and Norman, aged 10 years. His mother Mrs. R. C. Davis, and brother Richard Davis, of this city, another brother John Davis, who is a

resident of Columbus Grove, and one sister, Mrs. E. W. Roehm, of Mansfield. The relatives will reach here at 9:30 o'clock tonight over the P. E. W. & C. with the remains, and upon their arrival here the body will be removed to the home of his mother, Mrs. R. C. Davis at 414 west Spring street.

The funeral arrangements will not be completed until after their arrival.

JUDICIAL

Convention Will Be Held in Lima Next Month.

Committee Met at the Norval Today and Selected the Date and Place for the Convention.

The judicial committee, consisting of one delegate from each of the sixteen counties comprising the local circuit judicial district met at the Norval hotel today and decided to hold the next Circuit Judicial Convention in this city on the 25th of April.

Both Kenton and Findlay made a strong plea for the convention, but the representatives of those two cities were out generated by Messrs. W. B. Richie and W. L. Mackenzie, the former voting by proxy for Defiance county, and the latter being Allen county's member of committee and Lima won the prize with a few votes to spare.

For Sale or Trade.

The best paying confectionery, fruit, ice cream, cigar and tobacco stand in Lima. The chance of a life time to get a good thing at invoice price. Address P. O. box No. 825, Lima, O.

Patent Leather Shoes!

This spring style is Patent Leather Shoes. As we are always up to the minute, we have among our stock some of the nicest, neatest and swellest Patent Leather Shoes made. Some are cloth tops, while others are dull kid and dongola top. The prices range from \$2.50 to \$4.00 for Ladies', Men's \$3.50 to \$6.00, Misses' \$2.00. Child's \$1.50. We also have a complete line of



Patent Leather Slippers.

Prices, \$1.25 and \$1.50; Children's, 85 cents and \$1.00. Special Sale Saturday on Boys' and Youths' Shoes, at

GOODING'S,

230 NORTH MAIN STREET.